

Public Involvement Plan Proposed Scope of Work -- FY 2002–2003

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Title of Proposal: Ruedi Reservoir Agreement, including Public Involvement

Strategies/Dates:

Specific:

- 1) Inform public of upcoming events related to Ruedi Reservoir's participation in Recovery Program—April/May 2002; September/October 2002.
- 2). Schedule the Annual Ruedi Reservoir Operations and Coordinated Reservoirs Operations meeting—May 2002.
- 3) Schedule any additional public meetings as needed--preferably before the summer season.
- 4) Establish clear public process and environmental study for any new proposals affecting Ruedi Reservoir operations and releases—at least 30 days prior to finalized reports.

Ongoing:

- 1) Identify public concerns and values regarding Ruedi releases and provide a mechanism to incorporate public perspectives and issues into the process of timing the releases;
- 2) Inform interested communities about the value of the Recovery Program and the reasons we conduct Ruedi releases in support of efforts to recover the endangered fish;
- 3) Build public support or tolerance for Ruedi Reservoir releases in the Upper Colorado River Basin; and
- 4) Provide information to and collect input from the public, media, special interest groups, government and Congressional officials in a timely manner.

Budget:

This PIP is no longer charged to the Recovery Program, but to general operations or to the PBO.